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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed February 28, 2005 and interview conducted on April 28, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,5,8-10,13-18,21,22,25-27,30-40,42 and 45-48.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 May 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date attached.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Randol W. Read (Reg. No. 43,876) on April 28, 2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

A. Claims 2, 11, 12, 19, 28, 29, and 49-63 have been cancelled (Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-10, 13-18, 21, 22, 25-27, 30-40, 42, and 45-48 are remaining and pending).

B. Claims 1, 8-10, 13, 16, 18, 25-27, 30, 33, 35, and 45 have been amended.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing bookmark information in a data structure residing on a computer, comprising:

collecting network addresses and source identifier information during an Internet browsing session;

storing the network addresses as bookmarks containing source identifier information.

[receiving a plurality of bookmark information entries, each of the bookmark information entries comprising a bookmarked network address, and corresponding source identifier information,] wherein the network address refers to a network address of a bookmarked document, and wherein the source identifier information identifies a specific source, of a plurality of sources, at which a bookmark to the document was created[; and] and stored;

sending stored bookmarks and corresponding source identifier information to the computer as bookmark information entries;

receiving a plurality of bookmark information entries; and

storing the bookmark information entries in the data structure.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [2] 1, further comprising populating a plurality of fields with the bookmark information to form the at least one bookmark entry.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [2] 1, further comprising collecting the bookmark information as at least one bookmark entry in a bookmark table.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [2] 1, wherein the plurality of bookmark entries is received from a remote network source different from any of the plurality of sources.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [12] 1, wherein the network is the Internet and the network addresses are Uniform Resource Locators (URLs).

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [2] 1, wherein the source identifier information is selected from the group comprising of person, location, sender, channel, program, and phone number.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having instructions or programs which, when executed by a process cause the process to perform a method, comprising:

collecting network addresses and source identifier information during an Internet browsing session;

storing the network addresses as bookmarks containing source identifier information,

[receiving a plurality of bookmark information entries, each of the bookmark information entries comprising a bookmarked network addresses and corresponding source identifier information,] wherein the network address refers to a network address of a bookmarked document, and wherein the source identifier information identifies a specific source, of a plurality of sources, at which a bookmark to the document was created[; and] and stored;

sending stored bookmarks and corresponding source identifier information
to the computer as bookmark information entries;
receiving a plurality of bookmark information entries; and
storing the bookmark information entries in the data structure.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [19]
18, further comprising populating a plurality of fields with the bookmark
information to form the at least one bookmark entry.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [19]
18, further comprising collecting the bookmark information as at least one
bookmark entry in a bookmark table.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [19]
18, wherein the plurality of bookmark entries is received from a remote network
source different from any of the plurality of sources.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [29]
18, wherein the network is the Internet and the network addresses are Uniform
Resource Locators (URLs).

33. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [19] 18, wherein the source identifier information is selected from the group comprising of person, location, sender, channel, program, and phone number.

35. (Currently Amended) [An apparatus] A system, comprising: a computer;

a plurality of bookmarking devices each having a unique source identifier associated therewith and containing a browser adapted to process network addresses and [bookmark] store selected ones of the network addresses collected during an Internet browsing sessions as bookmarks containing the unique source identifier information, wherein each network address refers to a network address of a bookmarked document and wherein the unique source identifier information identifies a specific bookmarking device at which a bookmark to the document was created and stored; and

a network connection connecting the computer to the plurality of bookmarking devices, wherein the plurality of bookmarking devices transfers the respective selected ones of the bookmarked network addresses and the respective unique source identifier to the computer via the network connection in a manner preserving an association between the selected ones of the respective bookmarked network addresses and the respective unique source identifier, whereby a user managing the bookmarked network addresses on the computer can identify their respective sources.

45. (Currently Amended) A method for configuring a device with a source-identifying bookmarking function, comprising:

providing a networked device with an Internet browser program and a bookmark file installed thereon, the Internet browser program having a bookmarking function to bookmark network addresses by storing the network addresses in the bookmark file; and

configuring the networked device to store in the bookmark file, with each bookmarked network address, corresponding source identifier information, wherein the network address refers to a network address of a bookmarked document and wherein the source identifier information identifies the specific networked device at which a bookmark to the document was created: and

sending stored bookmarks and corresponding source identifier information to the computer as bookmark information entries.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art of record does not disclose, teach or suggest "collecting... source identifier information during an Internet browsing session; storing the network addresses as bookmarks *containing source identifier information*... wherein the source identifier information identifies a specific source, of a plurality of sources, at which a bookmark to the document was created and stored; and sending

stored bookmarks and corresponding source identifier information to the computer as bookmark information entries”.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Y. Won whose telephone number is 571-272-3993. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th: 7AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on 571-272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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